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**In re Application of**

Takayuki Nyu

**Serial No.:** 09/598,477      **Group Art Unit:** 2662

**Filed:** June 22, 2000      **Examiner:** Tsegaye, Saba

**For:** CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR EXCHANGING SIGNALS BETWEEN  
NETWORK NODES

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16**

Sir:

In preparation for immediate appeal and in response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-24 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 9 and 14-15 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 9-10, 12, 14-17, and 24 are independent.

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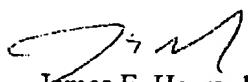
Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 and Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter  
 U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/598,477  
 Docket No.: NE-1005-US/KM

Dear Examiner Tsegaye:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 28, 2004, together with two copies of Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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Total Claims	24	24	= 0	x \$50.00	\$ -
Indep. Claims	9	8	= 1	x \$200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$ 200.00</b>

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481 in the amount of \$200.00 to cover the excess claim fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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